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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Steven P. Webb et al.

Filed: October 23, 2003

For: ELASTOMERIC MULTICOMPONENT FIBERS, NONWOVEN WEBS AND
NONWOVEN FABRICS

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant submits this paper in response to the office action dated August 23, 2004. In the office action, the examiner entered a restriction requirement as follows:

Group I: claims 1-17, drawn to a method of making an elastic nonwoven fabric, classified in class 28, subclass 155.

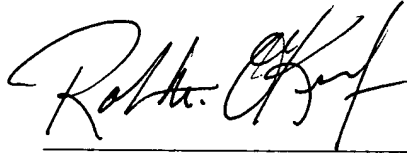
Group II: claims 18-27, drawn to an elastic nonwoven fabric and a multicomponent fiber, classified in class 442, subclass 329.

Group III: claim 30 drawn to a method of making a multicomponent fiber, classified in class 264, subclass 176.1.

In response, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-17, without traverse. Please cancel Group II, claims 18-27, and Group III, claim 30 without prejudice.

Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", written over a horizontal line.

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